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Conclusions

Royal Baking Powder

ADDITIONAL DATA

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LINCOLN AND SHIELDS.

**Story of the Duel They Agreed to Fight
on an Island in the Mississippi.**

Alton Special to St. Louis Republic.

The interesting accounts published of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the statue to General Shields at Washington on the 6th inst., bring to mind the famous duel between him and Abraham Lincoln, which took place on the island in the Mississippi river opposite Alton many years ago. Lincoln and Shields were then young men, and nearly all of their contemporaries have, with themselves, passed over

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND — MATINEE

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ard's Spectacular Operatic Extravaganza

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to the great majority, only a few remaining

who can fully tell the story of the duel, which at the time was the cause of much excitement as well as merriment among the spectators and those conversant with the facts in the case.

In the early 40's, it may perhaps have been late in the 70's, General Shields, with his warm, young Irish blood, was very much of a gallant, and it is said that he had a habit when "seeing a young lady home" from a social entertainment or dance, or when parting at almost any time of pressing the lady's hand warmly, possibly too hard, and this fact was the subject of much merriment on the benches of those days. One of the young ladies was a contributor to a Springfield paper, which was edited by a man named Francis, and in the course of a conversation with others stated that if ever General Shields

presumed to press her hand too ardently she would write him up in a manner that

would cause him to be less im-
pressively fond in his partings. Not
withstanding, he afterwards accom-
panied her to a social gathering, and, true
to his habit, he pressed her to his
bosom and made her good night. She
was as good as her word and wrote an
article in which she discarded the
fable and commented generally on the
bad habit of being too demonstrative in
attention. The reader would not be
surprised to find the name of the
name and making him appear ridiculous.
At this point we must pause for a
moment to express our warmest com-
pliments to the author, who, in the
claiming satisfaction, when the latter dis-
claimed the authorship of the article and
attempted to "hedge." But she was
not to be put off and peremptorily demanded
the name of the author. Finally giving
France until the next day to answer
leaving the office in high dudgeon.
The French was postponing to what
kind of an answer he should give on the

morrow Abraham Lincoln came in. Mr.

Francis told him of the visit and demand for the release of the prisoners. He now found himself, when Lincoln, with his characteristic generosity, told Francis to go and see the president. He then written it. Francis pursued this course, and the result was a prompt challenge to the combat issued to Lincoln by Shields. As the challenged party, Lincoln had no choice but to accept the challenge on broad swords. He also named the island opposite Alton as the place of combat. Francis was eminently satisfactory to Shields, who was a good swordsman, and on the date of the battle both came to Alton, accompanied by a large contingent of friends from the city.

capital bent on seeing the run. The crowd were ferried over to the island and

large numbers from this city also went in
skiffs, and every manner of water craft
was used to get the boats out. The boats
were assembled on the Alton levee to see
as much or little of the duel as might be
seen. When the dueling ground was
reached and the contestants were drawn up
ready for the fray Lincoln made some-
thing of a speech, and particularly drew
remark which led Shields to believe
that, perhaps, he was being made
the victim of a practical joke and asked
him to ask for an explanation, which, in
fact, was given.

its turn, led to the exposure of Lincoln's connection with the affair and then to a

prompt reconciliation and abandonment of the duel.

Coming back on the ferry the crowd, which was in high good humor and full of fun, many notions were being among the party, bechought themselves to come home at the expense of the waiting thousands on the levee. So the lot of watermen, threw some clothing over it, covered it with a blanket, made a fire, and then, as they saw an injured man, and one sat at the head fanning it vigorously, while others poured water and fanned him, they were unusually caring for it. The joke told on the crowd, who anxiously pressed forward to learn the outcome, and a man and a woman

the injured party, until the sell was ex-

posed. That night the entire party from the capital made merry over the outcome of the duel until they left for their homes. Nothing ever occurred afterward to mar the lifelong friendship which was thus formed between Lincoln and Shields, the latter of whom was soon afterwards made a general for gallantry in the Mexican war, where he ever showed those qualities which made him famous. The last appearance of Gen. Shields in Alton was in 1889, when he was campaigning for General Hancock, who was then a candidate for the presidency.

A TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT.
Notable Interview Between Mr. Cleveland and the Chief Magistrate.

New York, Sun.

P.—Good morning. You are looking a little worried this morning. You must take better care of yourself. I don't know what you are worrying about. I don't want to break down with this Congress on your hands.

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Specialty Street
Apparatus for Publi-
cans, Store-rooms
Slope, Packer, and
Lumber Dry-rooms
Wrought-iron Pipe
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degraded of her throne by the baseness of—
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of the land of darpd American
missionaries and such trash.
C.—Hang 'em. I wish there was some
of getting rid of 'em. I'm afraid you
be able to use the navy at present.
P.—O Congress won't sit forever.

C.—I know it. It is this deep sense of Constitution—

P—I know that sometimes almost anybody can get into the American business annuity. If it wasn't for that confounded Congress—

C—You don't want Congress, I hope? I don't.

C—Yet it is such a nuisance to supervise it.

P—I know. Servants are such a care. But you must try and get the best you can.

C—Why, some of 'em—Congressmen actually have the impudence to oppose my policy.

C—What are we coming to?

C—And they have the cheek to call themselves Democrats, too, the stupid, obstinate scoundrels.

P—Well, I dunno, I sometimes think that

C—The Constitution is an interference with my business.

P—I'm with you there. But, then, you can't do without it.

C—Yes, but the mere thought of it gives me a headache.

C—I'm too bad that we can't do away, the way we did that tariff plank.

C—I am all the Constitution is worth. I don't care a fig for it with me.

C—The way we kicked over that tariff plank, and let the Constitution go.

C—That was pretty good.

C—You got in at the upper window, what more do you want?

C—The people know you.

C—My people are good after the fashion of the world.

you and I are about the only Democrats left, old man.

C—Left? How left? Who says we're left?
O I see. Yes, but I can't expect everybody to understand me. I'm afraid you don't.
It's this perpetual feeling of responsibility
that makes me nervous.

C—You mean you feel. Sometimes when I put out my bedroom candle at night I think to myself, great Scott, how dark the world would be without me!

C—Yes; I've had the same thought. I remember just after my great message in Hawaii about putting on the shirt one day and, by thunder, sir, the sun rose as soon as I buttoned up.

P—Some of the newspapers here, heh, heh, heh, say that you were going to resign to go and approve my course and recognize their obligations to my service.

P—Mr. Cleveland, I think you are great statesman in the world. Mr. C—President, allow me to come to you on giving the country the second best thing I could possibly excepton of your first. We kindly ring for Thurston? I want to know what you think of that thing to shave.

Campaigning in Hawaii
Washington Star.

s | seem to think we sort o' toss our shirts | "Come hither," said the Hawaiian

on this Hawaiian trouble. "What is the desire of your Majesty?" asked the attendant. "I want to see in the attic a dance of torches!" "Yes, your Majesty," "And kerosene?" "Yes, your Majesty." "And transparencies on which all the names of the foreign agents are attached to me in large letters?" "Yes, your Majesty." "And without delay to go to demonstration. I am in imminent danger of being collapsed by the archery bomb. Can it be that Cleveland welcomes me?"

help to me in. If any of them Democratic

pickers come around asking for an office and I tell them I don't want no office. I'm telling 'em a fair exchange is no robbery. Gentlemen, a batch of Mr. Cleveland's opponents are here to-day, and I want you lot and we take your votes. Is it a bargain?

—Beautiful, beautiful. And yet they say we haven't got any tact. I guess we haven't. I would just come a diplomacy counter as any of 'em.

C.—We do know a thing or two. We're no fools. We would not come from Durio. But the Hawaiian policy is—

F.—Sh-sh-sh. (They whisper.)

C.—I tell 'em they can't see you. Nothing to do with me.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The United States senate to-day allowed the introduction of the case of George M. Mc Donald, president of the Chicago Central Labor Union, and his sentence for the last three months will be stayed pending a hearing on the bonds. McDonald was released on \$100,000 bonds.

Progress in Philadelphia.

New York Tribune.

Christian missionaries of Philadelphia zealously trying to evangelize the "niggers" on the "nigger" plantation. "Toughs" describes the result in the following manner:

like mystery. I like to be mysterious. I

P.—Put Congress will be howling for the papers.

C.—Let 'em howl. I am responsible to the American people, and the American people have supreme confidence in the rectitude of our intentions and in the integrity of our motivations.

P.—Don't waste that. Put it in the special message.

C.—An act of justice to a sister potentate Philip Klein; trustee, Frederick He...
